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In re the Application of:

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For: ADSORBENT OF LATENT-HEAT STORAGE TYPE FOR CANISTER AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of February 19, 2008, requiring election among various species of the subject invention under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that the claims were generic to a number of species of the invention as disclosed in the specification. The alleged species of the claimed invention were: carbon, alumina; or a mixture thereof. It was therefore required that applicants elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted in the event the generic claim was not found to be allowable.

Applicants hereby elect the species of ***carbon, in particular, activated carbon***, for prosecution on the merits in the event the generic claim is not found to be allowable. From a review of the specification, it is noted that in a Preliminary Amendment dated December 15, 2004, claim 18, which depends from claim 14, and claim 19, which depends from claim